

## WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND NORMANDALE LAKE IS INVITING ANY TIME

Normandale Lake is a beautiful place to visit any time of year. It is a serene setting, even in the winter when the lake and surrounding landscape are covered in snow, as this image of a freshly plowed trail near the lake, submitted to the City's website by resident Mark Madsen, illustrates.

In 1978, the City's Mount Normandale Lake Water Management Project created an artificial 135-acre, 10-foot-deep lake that became known as Normandale Lake. Although most people today appreciate the lake and surrounding district for its beauty

and recreational opportunities such as fishing, hiking and biking, it was originally created for a more practical purpose – to protect nearby properties and infrastructure from flooding.

When a storm dropped 14 inches of rain on Bloomington in 1987, Normandale Lake absorbed most of the water and prevented significant downstream flooding and damage from loss of property.

To submit photos of what you think are Bloomington's most beautiful places, visit the City's website.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: SUBMIT PHOTOS.**



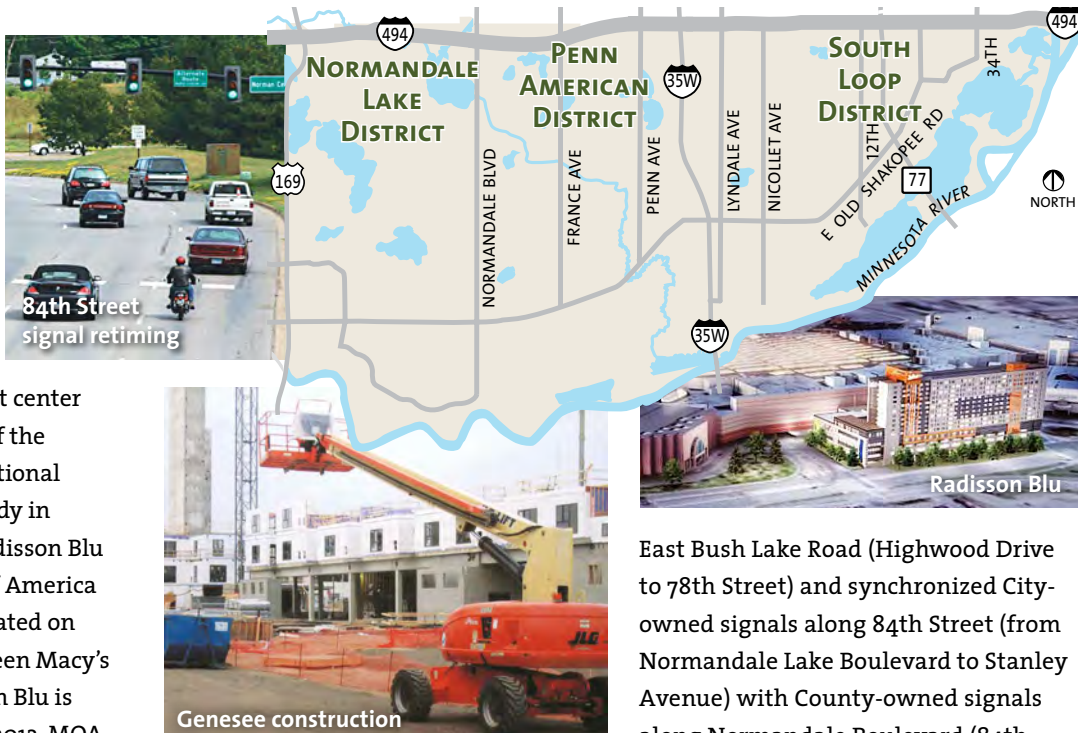
## WHAT'S DEVELOPING?

### PLANS MOVE FORWARD IN BLOOMINGTON'S THREE MAJOR DISTRICTS

Major improvements in the city's three major destination districts – South Loop, Penn-American and Normandale Lake – continue forward in 2012.

In the **SOUTH LOOP DISTRICT**, an important commercial and employment center located immediately south of the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, construction is already in progress on the 501-room Radisson Blu Hotel, adjacent to the Mall of America (MOA). The hotel will be situated on the south side of MOA, between Macy's and Bloomingdale's. Radisson Blu is scheduled to open in March 2013. MOA announced that Bloomingdale's will close this year and be replaced by several new stores.

South Loop's Lindau Lane project is underway with construction scheduled to begin in the spring. Lindau Lane currently runs between MOA and retailer IKEA, from TH 77



east to 24th Avenue. The Lindau Lane improvement project will extend the street to 30th Avenue and incorporate safety improvements to reduce crashes near IKEA Way – Bloomington's highest-crash intersection. It will also make the area more pedestrian friendly. The entire project will create 350 on-site and 650 indirect (off-site supplier and manufacturing) jobs.

In the **PENN-AMERICAN DISTRICT**, Bloomington-based developers StuartCo and United Properties are building "Genesee," a mixed-use retail and residential development on the southeast corner of Penn Avenue and American Boulevard. The developers teamed with the Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority on the project. When completed in fall 2012, the first phase will include 212 apartments and 22 townhomes. The residential units will be rented.

Last August, a major signal coordination project was completed in the **NORMANDALE LAKE DISTRICT**. The project coordinated signal timing along

East Bush Lake Road (Highwood Drive to 78th Street) and synchronized City-owned signals along 84th Street (from Normandale Lake Boulevard to Stanley Avenue) with County-owned signals along Normandale Boulevard (84th Street to Old Shakopee Road).

Traffic signal coordination is a retiming tool that synchronizes the start of green lights at intersections along a corridor, enabling a group of vehicles to travel together through multiple signals with minimal or no stops. Retiming is one of the most cost-effective ways to improve traffic flow and reduce travel time for motorists.

In addition, traffic signal coordination timing plans were implemented along I-494 and American Boulevard to improve traffic flow with the north and south corridors of Penn, Lyndale, Nicollet and 12th avenues. Additional coordination projects are planned in 2012 for South Loop and Lyndale Avenue.

For more information on South Loop, scan the QR code below. For more on the Penn-American and Normandale Lake districts, visit the development map on the City's website.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: DEVELOPMENT MAP.**



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## VISIT THE CLUBHOUSE DWAN IS OPEN YEAR-ROUND

The weather may not be good for golfing, but you don't have to be a golfer to enjoy the Dwan Clubhouse, which is open for business year-round. Visit the clubhouse, 3301 West 110th Street, for breakfast or lunch five days a week. Card players are welcome. Winter hours are Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, call 952-563-8702.

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## BORN AGAIN JOCKS ENJOY INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

The Born Again Jocks volleyball league welcomes men, 55 years and older, of all skill levels, to enjoy volleyball at Jefferson High School, 4001 West 102nd Street.

For more information, contact Don Wilkie at 952-884-2146 or Don Wagoner at [doje65@netzero.net](mailto:doje65@netzero.net).



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